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TAGS: ENRG, EG, IS

SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION IN SINAI: GULF OIL ACTIVITY
IN BUFFER ZONE

REF: CAIRO 06849

1. REFTEL (REPEATED TO TEL AVIV) DESCRIBES EGYPTIAN
EAGERNESS TO ALLOW GULF TO COMMENCE EXPLORATION
ACTIVITIES IN BUFFER ZONE. EMBASSY CAIRO HAS IN PAST
ADVISED GULF THAT IT SHOULD RELY ON EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT
TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN
BUFFER ZONE, BUT IT APPEARS THAT GULF MAY NOW MAKE
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DIRECT REQUEST TO UN.

2. REFTEL RAISES QUESTION WHETHER BUFFER ZONE EX-
PLORATORY ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT ON ISRAELI CONCURRENCE
OR ON UN APPROVAL ALONE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
RAISING MATTER AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN UN SECRETARIAT.
OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE UN SECRETARIAT'S VIEW

OF VALIDITY OF GOE ASSERTION THAT UN CAN MAKE DECISION
ON ITS OWN. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD
LIKE US TO HELP THEM AVOID BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH
GOI ON THIS ISSUE, WE SEE NO HARM IN OUR MAKING LOW-KEY
REQUEST FOR UN SECRETARIAT'S OPINION.

3. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL. VANCE

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